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SUBJECT: CODEL GRAVEL

SENATOR MIKE GRAVEL ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF PERSONS
LYNNE FINNEY AND ROBERT MITCHELL PLANS TO SPEND MARCH 24
THROUGH APRIL 4 IN GENEVA AND VIENNA TO PARTICIPATE IN OR
OBSERVE NEGOTIATIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA, GATT, SALT AND MBFR.
EXPECTED ITINERARY IS MARCH 24 - APRIL 2 IN GENEVA AND
APRIL 3 AND 4 IN VIENNA.

2. LOS,. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SENATOR GRAVEL AND STAFF
WILL WISH TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN LOS CONFERENCE.
SINCE THIS IS AREA WHERE SENATOR HAS GREATEST INTEREST
AND BACKGROUND, BELIEVE BULK OF TIME IN GENEVA WILL BE
SPENT ON LOS QUESTION.

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3. SALT. FOR AMBASSADOR JOHNSON. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PRESENCE OF SENATOR IN NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE DIFFICULT, BUT HE IS PRESSING FOR AT LEAST BRIEF APPEARANCE AS OBSERVER IN SALT SESSION. BEFORE DECIDING ON PARTICIPATION IN SALT, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS. IF PARTICIPATION IMPOSSIBLE, PERHAPS BRIEFINGS BY MISSION PERSONNEL AND INFORMAL MEETING WITH SOVDEL COULD BE ARRANGED.

4. MTN/GATT. SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND MTN MEETING OR MEETINGS OR GATT COUNCIL MEETING IF BEING HELD DURING HIS STAY IN GENEVA. AGAIN, BRIEFINGS, BY MISSION REQUESTED.

5. SENATOR IS INTERESTED IN CATCHING THE MOST INTERESTING SESSIONS IN GENEVA DURING HIS STAY. REQUEST MISSION COORDINATE CLOSELY AMONG VARIOUS ELEMENTS AND CABLE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR PRESENTATION TO SENATOR BY MARCH 6.

6. FOR VIENNA, SENATOR GRAVEL WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND MEANINGFUL MBFR NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. IF TIME FRAME OF APRIL 3 AND 4 NOT PROMISING, HE WOULD LIKE TO BREAK STAY IN GENEVA FOR DAY OR TWO TO ATTEND ACTIVE SESSIONS IN VIENNA. PLEASE INFORM GENEVA SOONEST IF APRIL 3-4 VIENNA STAY SEEMS LIKELY TO BE AS INTERESTING AS AN EARLIER STOP SO GENEVA CAN TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING PROPOSED SCHEDULE. GRAVEL WILL WANT MISSION BRIEFING IN VIENNA ALSO.

7. TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATIONS INFORMATION AND REQUESTS BY SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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